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COUNCIL MEETING HELD MONDAY NIGHT

Usual Grist of Bills and Licenses Acted on Favorably.

WASTE WATER LOOKED AFTER

All present but Fry and Zimmerman. Minutes of May 4th and 20th read and approved. Usual bills allowed. Reports for May of Recorder, Financial secretary and fire chief read. Usual licenses issued. Warrants ordered for \$3,600 for amount due contractors on lateral sewer No. 4 to June 1. Water company was ordered to place water pipe under the Nevada waste ditch. City attorney was ordered to have injunctions issued against the Nevada Ditch and Emerson wasteway from dumping water into the city limits and the Nevada people have been working on the matter. The city has provided drainage for her city waste water and sewerage but cannot take care of any outside water.

TWO WEDDINGS OF WELL KNOWN PEOPLE THIS WEEK

Married on Tuesday by Rev. Koenig, Mrs. Martha Lawrence and W. J. Huffman. After a short honeymoon they will be at home in Ontario. Mrs. Lawrence moved here a short time ago from the Ironside section and Mr. Hoffman was in the butcher business here for some time. Congratulations and best wishes are being extended by many friends. At Nyssa, Wednesday afternoon Rev. Johns performed the marriage ceremony for Miss Gertrude Ward and Ross Soward. Miss Ward conducted a millinery store in Ontario a few years ago and has many relatives and friends in the Nyssa section.

Considering the high cost of wedding presents, certain startled congressmen are planning to elect a confirmed bachelor to the presidency next time.

Some of the things Wilam Howard Taft said while he was President was heard with less attention than is given his utterances at the present time.

WILLIAM HANLEY IS AFTER SENATORSHIP

With Oregon for Oregonians as Principal Plank of His Platform

OPPOSED TO PINCHOT POLICY

Wm. Hanley was here the first of the week visiting with his friends and doing a little electioneering. Mr. Hanley says he is going to run on the platform of Oregon for Oregonians. At present over a third of the state is bottled up by the Pinchot policies and over a billion dollars worth of natural resources are idle. Oregon has been robbed of her just share of the reclamation funds and he will do all possible to have the state receive what she is entitled to. Mr. Hanley believes that he can be of great benefit to the state if elected to the United States senate.

MEDIATORS ARE WARNED

Semi-Official Statement to Press and A. B. C. Board. El Paso, Tex.—A semi-official statement from General Carranza's headquarters at Durango criticising the actions of the A. B. C. mediators at Niagara Falls and an announcement from General Villa reiterating his allegiance as a military leader to Carranza were the latest developments of the Mexican situation here. Villa has left Torreón on his way for a visit to Juarez, on the border here. Carranza was reported as having begun preparations to move by way of Torreón to Saltillo, where he will perfect his provisional government.

The statement from Durango, where Carranza's provisional government has been established, was addressed to the American press, with a note to the effect that it had official sanction, and states that the commander-in-chief of the constitutionalist army will be provisional president of Mexico during the elections, and if let alone constitutionalists will settle the entire Mexican problem.

LAND WITHDRAWAL BY TAFT HELD VOID

Los Angeles.—The conservation order of ex-President William H. Taft withdrawing from entry nearly 3,000,000 acres of oil lands in California was declared invalid in a decision rendered by Judge M. T. Dooling, of the United States Court. The court held that the president of the United States had no power to withdraw lands from entry.

The question, however, of whether the vast area affected by the order of the former president shall revert to the status of a domain of free exploitation depends upon the decision of the United States supreme court in the Midwest Oil company case, which involves 17,000 acres of oil land in Wyoming. This case has been before the supreme court for some time and a final adjudication is expected this month.

The decision of Judge Dooling was the climax of what had become famous in western court annals as the "billion dollar case." In September, 1909, President Taft issued an executive order withdrawing from entry 3,041,000 acres of oil lands in the west. Of this 2,781,000 acres comprised the Midway field of California. The rest was in Wyoming.

FRED'K W. LEHMANN



Frederick W. Lehmann, one of the American Commissioners to the Mexican Mediation Conference at Niagara Falls.

Rebel Envoys Take Stand.

Washington.—Constitutionalist representatives in Washington issued their first formal statement since the Niagara Falls mediation conference began. Luis Cabrera on behalf of himself and his colleagues, outlined the constitutionalist attitude toward the question of representation at Niagara Falls, maintaining that it is for the United States and not the mediators or the representatives of General Huerta to decide whether representatives of the constitutionalist cause should take part in the deliberations.

DELEGATION OF SALT LAKE BUSINESS MEN VISIT ONTARIO

Held's Band Gives Treat With Excellent Music---Quartette Sings.

AN HOUR'S LOVE FEAST TO PROMOTE BUSINESS

The Zion City excursionists were here for a brief period on Wednesday morning. Unfortunately a shower accompanied them, but later it cleared and the visitors got busy in an attempt to get acquainted with the Ontario citizens. The ladies of the Commercial Club auxiliary were at the train and presented the delegates with roses as they alighted from the train and others carried baskets of them into the cars. Held's band, the best in the intermountain section, started out, followed by the representatives of the Salt Lake business houses and marched up Main street, in both directions, returning to the bank corner, where they gave a very enjoyable concert.

The Imperial Male quartette rendered a few selections, which were well received. Mayor Trow welcomed the visitors in a few words and short talks were made by several of the visitors, Geo. S. McAllister, of the Z. C. M. I., acting as chairman. B. W. Mendenhall making the talk for the visitors. Several hundred people turned out to welcome the visitors and make things pleasant for them. It had been planned to take the visitors to Nyssa in autos, but the weather would not permit. The people of Ontario were glad to meet the Zionists and will always have a hearty welcome for them in the future. Come again when you can stay longer.

MORE THAN 1,000 LIVES LOST IN BOAT DISASTER

Steamship Sinks in St. Lawrence River When in Sight of Land.

BOTH CAPTAINS DENY BEING TO BLAME FOR IT

Rimouski, Quebec.—Responsibility for the deaths of nearly 1000 persons who perished when the collier Storstad rammed and sank the great Canadian Pacific liner Empress of Ireland, was placed squarely on Captain Thomas Anderson of the collier, by Captain H. G. Kendall of the lost vessel.

Captain Kendall, testifying before a coroner's jury declared failure of the Storstad's captain to observe whistle signals caused the collision. Neglect to hold the Storstad's nose in the hole in the Empress killed the last hope of rescue.

Captain Says Proper Signals Given. Captain Kendall in substance testified that he had taken all possible precautions against a collision. His ship had been stopped, he gave the requisite signals when the Danish collier Storstad, which dealt the blow which sent the Empress to the bottom, was still two miles away, but the collier had kept on through the fog which settled down soon after the two vessels sighted each other, and had rammed the Empress of Ireland when the latter vessel was virtually motionless.

Then, despite his plea to the master of the collier that he run his engines full speed ahead to keep the hole in the liner's side plugged with the Storstad's bow, said Captain Kendall, the Danish vessel backed away, the water rushed in and the Empress sank. Crash Occurs Near Shore. The crash occurred not far from the shore off Father Point, 150 miles from Quebec, and 10 miles from this point on the St. Lawrence. In reality, therefore, although the liner was heading for the sea and the collier coming in from it, the disaster was not one of the ocean, but of the river.

Accounts agree that in the brief space of time—not more than 14 minutes—between the shock of the collision and the sinking of the liner, there was little chance for systematic marshaling of the passengers.

Captain Kendall stood on a bridge as the ship went down. One of the boats from the liner picked him up and he directed its work of saving others until the craft was loaded. The captain was injured in the crash and suffered from exposure, but his speedy recovery is expected. Few women were among the saved. The lists make it appear not more than a dozen.

"It all happened so quickly that we did not really know what was going on and nobody had time to cry 'Women first,'" one of the passengers told Captain Bellinger, of the rescue boat Eureka.

Of the 1387 persons on board only 418 are known to have been saved, making the probable death list 969.

ANDERSON DENIES CHARGE

Empress Blamed for Vessels' Separation After the Collision.

Montreal.—With her bows crumpled in and twisted and a gap showing on the port side only a foot or so above the waterline, in mute evidence of the tragedy in which she figured, the Norwegian collier, Storstad, docked here and a few minutes later a warrant of arrest, taken out by the Canadian Pacific railway, was nailed to her main mast.

According to the captain and officers, contrary to what had been said by the captain of the Empress, the Storstad did not back away after the collision. On the contrary, she steamed ahead in an effort to keep her bow in the hole she had dug into the side of the Empress.

The Empress, however, according to the Storstad's officers, headed away and bent the Storstad's bow over at an acute angle to port. After that the Empress was hidden from view of the other ship, and despite the fact that the Storstad kept her whistle going, she could not locate the Empress until the cries of the victims in the water were heard.

EDISON IS CHALLENGED.

Head of Tobacco Firm Asserts That Cigarettes Are Pure.

New York.—Thomas A. Edison has been challenged to prove his contention that the cigarette is harmful and that its users are feeble minded. Furthermore, Percival S. Hill, president of a big tobacco company, in an open letter to the inventor, expresses the belief that investigation and reconsideration would cause him to admit his error. Mr. Hill recalls the time when it was quite the fashion for cigarettes to be attacked by "well intentioned ignorant people, by notoriety seekers and by thrifty legislators." The result was that medical men and other scientists undertook thorough examinations of the cigarette.

"Every one of these investigations," writes Mr. Hill, "resulted in exactly the same set of findings—viz, that the cigarette is absolutely pure; that it contains less nicotine than any other form of tobacco products; that the combustion of the paper is harmless in its effect on the human physiology; that its temperate use is in no way injurious to normal users."

PEOPLE'S RAILROAD IS A MONEY MAKER

Tacoma, Wash.—There is one railroad in the United States that has paid from the day it began to turn wheels. Not a single dollar in bonds was issued to start it. All the stock was paid for and every cent expended on honor. There is not and never has been one dollar of indebtedness against the property. Every bill is paid on presentation, and all current accounts and wages are met at the first of each month. In almost four years of operation the books show annual dividends of 4 per cent and a comfortable reserve fund.

In that time the road has nothing in the accident classification on its records, not a broken car, a mangled pig nor an injured passenger. Not a single lawsuit has ever been filed against the road; it has never had to answer a legal complaint. And this paragon of transportation systems is purely an inland empire development. It is the Waterville railway, running from Waterville to Douglas Junction. The distance traversed and the traffic carried demand five and one-tenth miles of main line and two miles of sidetrack.

For the three years ended Dec. 31, 1913, passenger earnings of the Waterville road were \$14,465; freight received, \$14,279.79; freight forwarded, \$12,147.92; miscellaneous, mail, etc., \$11,020.50; total, \$51,913.21.

CHARLES S. MELLEN



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Charles S. Mellen, Ex-President of the New Haven road, who lays blame for wrecking the railroad on the late J. P. Morgan.

Through the successful and vigorous work of Claude C. Cate, county agriculturalist, blight ravages to apple and pear trees in the Grande Ronde valley have been greatly arrested if not wholly overcome. Some orchards were so badly infected with the disease that they had to be destroyed entirely and other orchards have undergone a scientific process of pruning under his direction.

ALEXANDER PITCHES WINNING GAME

For the Ontario Ball Team on Decoration Day at Home Grounds

WEISER TEAM ALSO DEFEATED

The Ontario ball team regained their laurels when they played with the Payette team on Saturday last and the Weiser team on Sunday. On Decoration Day Alexander was in the box for Ontario and allowed the visitors one scratch hit. The home team getting ten runs. There were others in the Ontario team ready and willing, but they were not needed. On Sunday there was a different line up, Shine Harmon being in the box for Ontario and they won with a score of 4 to 2. Beattie was on third for Ontario in both games and did some clean, fast work. Payette shut out Vale in their game last Sunday. On next Sunday the games will be Weiser and Vale at Weiser and Ontario and Payette at Payette.

SUBJECTS OF THE SERMONS TO BE DELIVERED SUNDAY

Methodist Episcopal Church, Sunday, June 7, 1914. Subject for the morning service at 11 o'clock, "The Divinity and Grace of Christ." Subject for the evening service at 8 o'clock, "The Perils of Drunkenness." The people of Ontario are cordially invited. Thomas Johns, Pastor. Presbyterian, J. H. Webster, Pastor. Theme of morning sermon, June 7 "The model Prayer Meeting." Evening, "The Greatest Present day Evil." Hours of service 11 and 8. Bible school 10.

The surgeons have finally decided that radium is a failure as a cure for cancer, but lots of people still believe that carrying a buckeye in the right hand trousers pocket will cure rheumatism.

MEMORIAL DAY FITTINGLY OBSERVED

By Services at the Graves in Morning and Opera House Afternoon.

GRAVES OF HEROES MARKED

The services on Memorial Day were well attended. In the morning a delegation went to the cemetery and decorated the graves. There was an abundance of flowers and all were remembered. Many have had their cemetery plots improved and with the addition of the cut flowers the grounds had a fine appearance. In the afternoon the opera house was crowded for the exercises. There is a noticeable decrease in the number of old soldiers who take part in these ceremonies for those who fought the battles for us, and while it is fitting that the dead should be remembered it is more so that the ones who are with us should be made to feel that their sacrifices are not forgotten and life's pathway made pleasant for them.